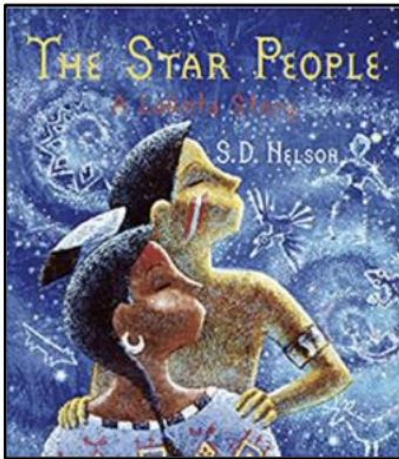


The Star People: A Lakota Story

Grades K-2 Teacher Instructions



Read aloud

about the adventure of Sister Girl and Young Wolf in ***The Star People: A Lakota Story***. Towards the end of the story we learn, “The Star People are always with you. Look up, and you will see me (Grandmother) among the stars.”

Cloud People and Star People are the traditional Lakota way of talking about the magical shapes made by the clouds and stars. Sometimes the shapes remind us of people or animals with human characteristics—they all have a living energy.

- Gain perspective: Do you know stories about the clouds or stars from other cultures?

Together, watch and listen

to an excerpt of “Star People” performed by Paul LaRoche and Brulé (pronounced Paul LaRush and Brool). <https://youtu.be/fn8EJMeiv1A> (0:30-3:15)

Have students discuss in Think – Pair – Share

- What insect, animal, creature or person does the music reminds you of? _____
- What did you hear in the music that makes you say that?
 - _____
 - _____

Music → Visual

- Distribute paper and markers, crayons, or colored pencils. Play the excerpt of “Star People” again and have students draw a picture of the star person/insect/animal/creature they were reminded of.
- Have students write an artist’s statement on the back of their picture by completing this sentence.

“Star People” reminded me of _____ because the music sounded _____ and _____.